1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nutrient						
1.	N	Demand/Potential requirement:	94.2	99.39	108.72	115.28
		Consumption:	87.89	95.07	98.23	112.48 (likely)
2.	P	Demand/Potential requirement:	34.13	35.29	38.57	39.23
		Consumption:	26.69	29.32	28.98	37.09 (likely)
3.	K	Demand/Potential requirement:	12.04	13.15	14.21	15.35
		Consumption:	9.08	11.25	11.56	14.65 (likely)
4.	N+P+K	Demand/Potential requirement:	140.37	147.83	161.5	169.86
		Consumption:	123.66	135.64	138.77	164.22 (likely)

DAP = Di-Ammonium Phosphate; MOP = Muriate of Potash; SSP = Single Super Phosphate; N = Nitrogen; P = Phosphate and K = Potash.

[English]

Cotton Testing Laboratories

*333. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of places where Cotton Testing Laboratories have been established, location-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to establish more Cotton Testing Laboratories in the country particularly at Bellary in Karnataka to meet the needs of the cotton growing farmers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Under the aegis of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, there is one laboratory namely, Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology with Head Quarters in Mumbai (Maharashtra) and 13 Regional Units situated at Ludhiana, Hissar, Sirsa, Sriganganagar, Surat, Indore, Akola, Nagpur, Rahuri, Nanded, Dharwar, Guntur and Coimbatore.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The question does not arise.

Area under Jute Cultivation

*334. SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total area of land under jute cultivation in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the extent to which it has increased/decreased in each State as compared to the previous two years;

(c) the reasons for decrease in the area of land under jute cultivation, if any, during the said period; and

(d) the steps taken to check decline in the area under jute cultivation?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The area under jute cultivation for the country as a whole during 1995-96 was around the same level of 738 thousand hectares as in 1994-95, whereas it registered an increase of 6.2 per cent over 1993-94. Statement-I giving State-wise percentage change of area under jute during 1995-96 in comparison to 1994-95 and 1993-94 is annexed.

(c) and (d) As can be seen from the statement, there has hardly been any decline in the area under Jute in the country, hence any corrective checks are not considered necessary at this stage. However, inter-State variations in the area under Jute crop is attributed to varied weather conditions. The prices of jute have otherwise been generally favourable as may be seen from the Statement-II enclosed.